Fernando AWARD FOUNDATION, INC.

History

THE STORY OF FERNANDO

Standing proud and tall in the San Fernando Valley Civic Center is a magnificent bronze statue of "Fernando", a young Indian brave, symbolizing the qualities of strength, courage, dedication and leadership. The statue, which stands in the Van Nuys Civic Center, is the work of famed sculptor Henry Van Wolff, and serves as a monument to those outstanding individuals who have been selected to receive the Fernando Award. On June 13, 1996, an additional commemorative to volunteerism was installed at Warner Park in Woodland Hills, dedicated by Mayor Richard J. Riordan and other City County and State dignitaries. It stands in gratitude not only to all recipients but also to all volunteers for their efforts toward increasing the quality of life in our local communities. A bronze replica of the original Fernando stature, inherited with the honoree's name, is presented to each year's recipient at an even dedicated to their life of volunteerism. This Fernando volunteerism and dedication, is the highest honor than can be bestowed upon a San Fernando Valley citizen.

Each year the Chambers of Commerce and other community organizations and leaders in the San Fernando Valley have the opportunity to nominate an outstanding citizen in their respective communities who, through a life of volunteerism encompassing personal commitment and involvement, has worked to improve the quality of life in the San Fernando Valley. A screening committee is selected, which undertakes the difficult process of narrowing the field of nominees to five final candidates. These finalists are then presented, via confidential ballot to the Foundation membership that then selects the Annual Fernando recipient.

Fernando recognizes that volunteerism is essential to the health and welfare of our great Valley. Through the selection of a single recipient, Fernando honors the thousands of volunteers who tirelessly serve to make the Valley a better place to live, work and play.

Because of the many achievements of the outstanding people who have been honored with the Fernando Award, it is recognized as the leading award to civic accomplishment in the San Fernando Valley, and one of the top awards for volunteerism in the nation. These achievements, which have benefited each and every resident of the San Fernando Valley, will never be forgotten. The award serves as a constant inspiration to the future leaders of the San Fernando Valley in their never-ending quest to make a richer life for us all.

The Fernando Award

The Fernando Award is the highest award for volunteerism in the San Fernando Valley and is supported by the Valley Chambers of Commerce, other civic and philanthropic organizations, along with private individuals and corporations located in the San Fernando Valley.

Get Involved

The Fernando Award Foundation invites businesses and residents to become official "Benefactors" or "Patrons" of the Fernando Award. Please click here to learn how you can support the Fernando Award Foundation in this way.

Fernando Award Nomination Packet

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